

III. REMARKS

Applicant is appreciative of the Examiner's indication of allowable matter.

Applicant has amended the claim 1 to add the limitations of previous claim 2.

This should place claims 1-6 in condition for allowance.

Applicant has added new claim 7 to better claim the present invention. Claim 7 includes the limitation "a fastening arrangement securing said light transmitting tube and said closed louver member to said base assembly in such a manner that **said louver members are disposed in a fixed, unmovable relationship with respect to said light fixture.**"

Weissman discloses a lamp shade that includes "large and small ring elements on the edge portions of each sheet, one ring element of each pair being fixed to the lamp base and the other being movable so that the associated annular sheet can be located in a selected position in relation to the light source" (Abstract, lines 3-7 and see Fig. 2). As shown in Fig. 2, Weissman's lamp shade includes four shafts (26A-26D) connected to each other through a central spoke element (24). Bushings (23A-23C) are provided to allow the shafts (26A-26D) to slide up and down upon the rods (23A-23D). As disclosed in Weissman: "slideably movable up and down on an upper end portion of the rods 13A to 13D are associated bushings 23A to 23D all four of which are interconnected by a spoke element 24" (Col. 2, lines 50-52). Weissman further states "the shafts 26A to 26D are movable together up and down in their associated crescents 17A to 17D" (Col. 3, lines 1-2). Weissman therefore discloses movable louvers, i.e., "this movement up and down of the outer ring elements 31 is accomplished simply by sliding the four bushings

23A to 23D up and down together on their associated rods 13” (Col. 3, lines 41-44). As described therefore in Col. 3, lines 35-41, Figs. 2-4 show the louvers in different positions, i.e., “In Fig. 2 the inner ring elements 31 are all at the same level as their associated outer ring elements 30 fixed in relation to the lamp base. Fig. 3 shows the inner ring elements 31 raised an equal amount above their associated outer ring elements 30. In Fig. 4 the inner ring elements 31 are all at a level below their associated outer ring elements 30.” (Col. 3, lines 35-41).

Lemme discloses a lamp comprising an automatically actuated louver system. As stated in Lemme “when heated, the actuator serves to pivot the louvers into an open position. Once the lamp is deactivated, heating of the actuator is terminated, and the louvers are automatically closed to protect the lens by a spring as the actuator cools” (Abstract, lines 7-12 and see Figs. 3 (louvers closed) and Fig. 5 (louvers open)).

Therefore, neither the primary reference, Weissman, nor the secondary references, Lemme and Winters et al., disclose louver members that are disposed in a fixed, unmovable relationship with respect to said light fixture. Applicant is therefore requesting allowance of claim 7.

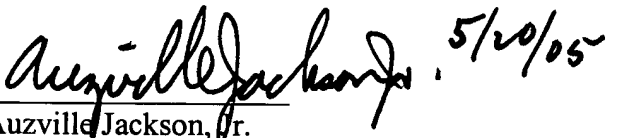
It is believed that, with the amendments to the claims, claims 1-7 are now in condition for allowance.

IV. CONCLUSION

Based on the amendment of claims as presented herein, Applicant respectfully requests the reconsideration of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Should the Examiner require any further information by Applicant or Applicant's undersigned representative is desirable and necessary regarding this amendment, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number set forth below.

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